US Court decision in Union Carbide case

575. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will th Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United State Court has given a decision recently in a case against Union Carbide in America that the Company was not subject to United States Laws that would allow the Government of India to obtain witnesses and documents pertaining to the plans in U.S.A.; if so, what were the details of the decision; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit while considering appeals| cross-appeals against the decision of Judge Keenan in respect of the Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster Case has ruled that the condition with respect to discovery of U.C. C. under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure be deleted without prejudice to the right of the parties to have reciprocal discovery of each other on equal terms under the Federal Rules, subject to such approval as may be required of the Indian court in which the case is pending. The implications of this decision are being examined.

Employees working on adhoc basis

576. Dr. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of employees have been continuously working on adhoc basis in the office of the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL), and its branches;

(b) if so, what is the number of such employees and by when these employees are likely to be regularised;

(c) what is the number of vacancies in Class III non-gezetted cadres in the GAIL; and

(d) by when these posts are likely to be fielled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (d) Seven employees at different project sites of GAIL are at present working on adhoc basis. A number of vacancies for operation and maintenance of the pipleline under construction, are given below:

Class III	—	159
Class IV	—	12

These posts will be filled up as and when requirement arises in different regions for operation and maintenance of different sections of the pipeline.

Street lights in Vasant Vihar

577. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide street lights in Vasant Vihar Government colony where allotment of Government accommodation has been recently made to Govt. employees;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the allottees in this regard; and

(c) by when, street lights and other civic facilities are likely to be provided in Vasant Vihar Government colony?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.